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# White Deer Park Ready for Groundhog Day Fete

It was big news last year when Mortimer the Groundhog passed the torch after many years of service to the Town, but Snerd is feeling confident about his second year in charge. December gave us days of mild temperatures, while January has been chilly from the start. If you want to know whether we will have an early spring or six more weeks of winter, catch Snerd's prediction at the Town of Garner's annual Groundhog Day celebration at White Deer Park (2400 Aversboro Road) on Tuesday, Feb. 2 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Exhibitors at this year's event include CLAWS, Inc., the rescue organization that cares for Snerd and several other animals. They will have live animals on site for families to learn more about. Alexander Exterminating will bring some of its collection of live and preserved insects and other arthropods.

Another new addition is Cabela's, which will lead outdoor games. Regulars DJ Dr. Phil, Smokey Bear, the Chick-fil-A cow and McGruff the Crime Dog will all make guest appearances again this year.

Of course, the main attraction is Snerd's prediction, which Mayor Ronnie Williams will announce to the crowd promptly at noon. Come out to this family-friendly, educational and **free** event to see whether we should expect more cold temperatures or an early spring.

Overflow parking will be located at Lake Benson Park (921 Buffaloe Road), across the street from White Deer Park.

For more information about Garner's Groundhog Day event, contact Outdoor Education and Parks Manager Katie Lockhart Spencer at [kspencer@garnernc.gov](mailto:kspencer@garnernc.gov) or (919) 661-6892, or visit [garnernc.gov/ParksWebpages/Groundhog/Main.htm](http://garnernc.gov/ParksWebpages/Groundhog/Main.htm).

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